

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 19, 2007, entered in the above captioned application. Minor amendments are made to several claims for clarity and entry is respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants select Group I. The Examiner indicates that Group I consists of claims 1-13, however this would appear to have been a typographical error, and was intended to be 1-21. (Applicants note that claims 14 - 21 are otherwise not within any group).

In response to the further division of species presented on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action, Applicants elect the species comprised of features **A** for subset 1, **B** for subset 2, **B** for subset 3, **A** for subset 4 and **C** for subset 5 for present examination, with traverse. No claim in the application falls within all 5 subsets, and therefore there is no single claim readable on the nominally elected species. However Claims 1, 2 and 21 are generic to all embodiments, claim 3 is subgeneric as to at least subsets 2 - 4, and claims 5, 9, 12, 15 and 17 fall within the elected subject matter of at least one subset. Further, claims 4, 16 and 19-20 directed to mineral films were not addressed by the election requirement and are at least subgeneric to all subsets; and therefore includable in the claims to be examined.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to any non-elected claims.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits of claims 1 - 5, 9, 12, 15 - 17 and 19 - 21 is now respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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